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Water Main Replacement Projects set to Kick-off Across Springfield

Pipes to be replaced on Narragansett Street, Worcester Street, and Babbin Street

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce three water main replacement projects that will begin the week of June 21, 2021. Water mains on Narragansett Street in the Liberty Heights/North End neighborhood, and Worcester Street and Babbin Street in Indian Orchard will be replaced as part of the Commission's ongoing Water Infrastructure Improvements Program. Typical construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 4 PM, weather dependent.

Narragansett Street, between Carew Street and Chapin Terrace

Replacement of a drinking water main on Narragansett Street, between Carew Street and Chapin Terrace, is anticipated to begin on Monday, June 21, 2021, and continue through November 2021. The project will be performed by Borges Construction, Inc., on behalf of the Commission, as part of planned upgrades to prioritized areas of the drinking water distribution system. The water mains in this segment of Narragansett Street date back to 1909.

During construction hours, varying sections of Narragansett Street between Carew Street and Chapin Terrace will be closed to through traffic and detoured to adjacent streets. Residents are also advised that street side parking will be restricted within the construction area. Local traffic and access to the closed segment of Narragansett Street will be managed with posted signs and police details.

Worcester Street, between Pinevale and Lyons Street

Commission crews will replace a water main on Worcester Street between Pinevale and Lyons Streets. This project will replace pipes that date back to 1901. Construction is expected to begin on Monday June 21, 2021,



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and continue until approximately September 2021. During construction hours, Worcester Street, between Pinevale Street and Lyons Street will be reduced to one-lane alternating traffic. Local traffic and access to properties will be managed with posted signs and police details.

Babbin Street, Indian Orchard

A water main replacement project will begin on Babbin Street in Indian Orchard on June 21, 2021. Construction is anticipated to be completed in July 2021. Commission crews will perform the work. During construction hours there will be one-lane alternating traffic, managed with posted signs and police details.

Water Infrastructure Improvements Program

In total, over 3,000 feet of water mains throughout the city will be replaced through the Water Infrastructure Improvements Program during summer 2021. As part of the renewal program the Commission regularly assesses water distribution system infrastructure, which includes miles of pipes that have been in service for 100 years or more, to proactively plan maintenance and construction projects. In addition to considering the age of the pipe, drinking water infrastructure is also prioritized by analysis of condition and material of the pipe and past water main breaks.

The Commission appreciates the patience of residents, businesses, pedestrians, and drivers while this important work is performed. Please contact the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission at 413-310-3501 with any questions regarding these projects. The locations and status of all Commission water and sewer system upgrade projects can also be found at: <https://waterandsewer.org/projects/>

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